

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2583 - HB 2807

February 23, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from 20 to 30 percent, the reduction to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant for a parent or caretaker of any child who fails to maintain satisfactory progress at a school, until such time as compliance occurs. Increases, from 20 to 25 percent, the reduction to TANF for a parent or caretaker of any child who fails to receive immunizations and health checks as required by the personal responsibility plan, until such time as compliance occurs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increasing the reductions to TANF recipients for failure to comply with provisions regarding children’s school attendance, immunizations, and health checks will result in a recurring decrease in expenditures of approximately \$33,700. According to the Department of Human Services, these funds will be used to serve additional eligible TANF applicants.

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), the average Families First grant is \$165.33 per month.
- Based on information provided by DHS, the Department partially sanctions 3,120 Families First families per year for failure to meet the program provisions regarding school attendance (960), immunizations (720), and health checks (1,440).
- A 10 percent increase in sanctions for school attendance will result in a recurring decrease in expenditures of \$15,871.68 ($\$165.33 \times 10\% \times 960$).
- A five percent increase in sanctions for immunizations and health checks will result in a recurring decrease in expenditures of \$17,855.64 [$\$165.33 \times 5\% \times (720 + 1,440)$].
- The total recurring decrease in expenditures will be \$33,727.32 ($\$15,871.68 + \$17,855.64$). According to DHS, these funds will be used to serve additional eligible TANF applicants.
- Any modifications to the ACCENT and VIP systems can be accomplished within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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